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"PATENT APPLICATION"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

GARY LOCK ET AL

U.S. Serial No. 10/031,365

Group Art Unit 1741

Filed: February 19, 2002

ELECTRODES FOR GENERATING
AND ANALYZING DIELECTROPHORESIS

Alexandria, Virginia
May 15, 2002

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to action by the Examiner in the captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Add the Abstract as shown in the attached clean version of the Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 29-31 without prejudice.

Amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An electrode formation for use in an AC electrokinetic effect cell comprising a substrate and carried on the substrate

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